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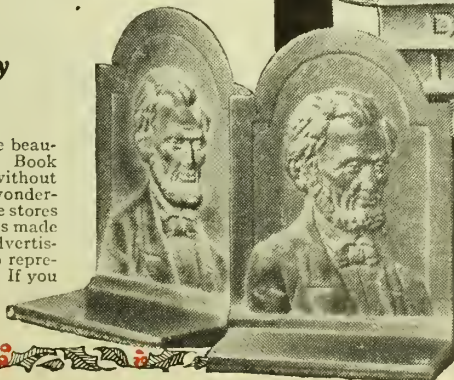
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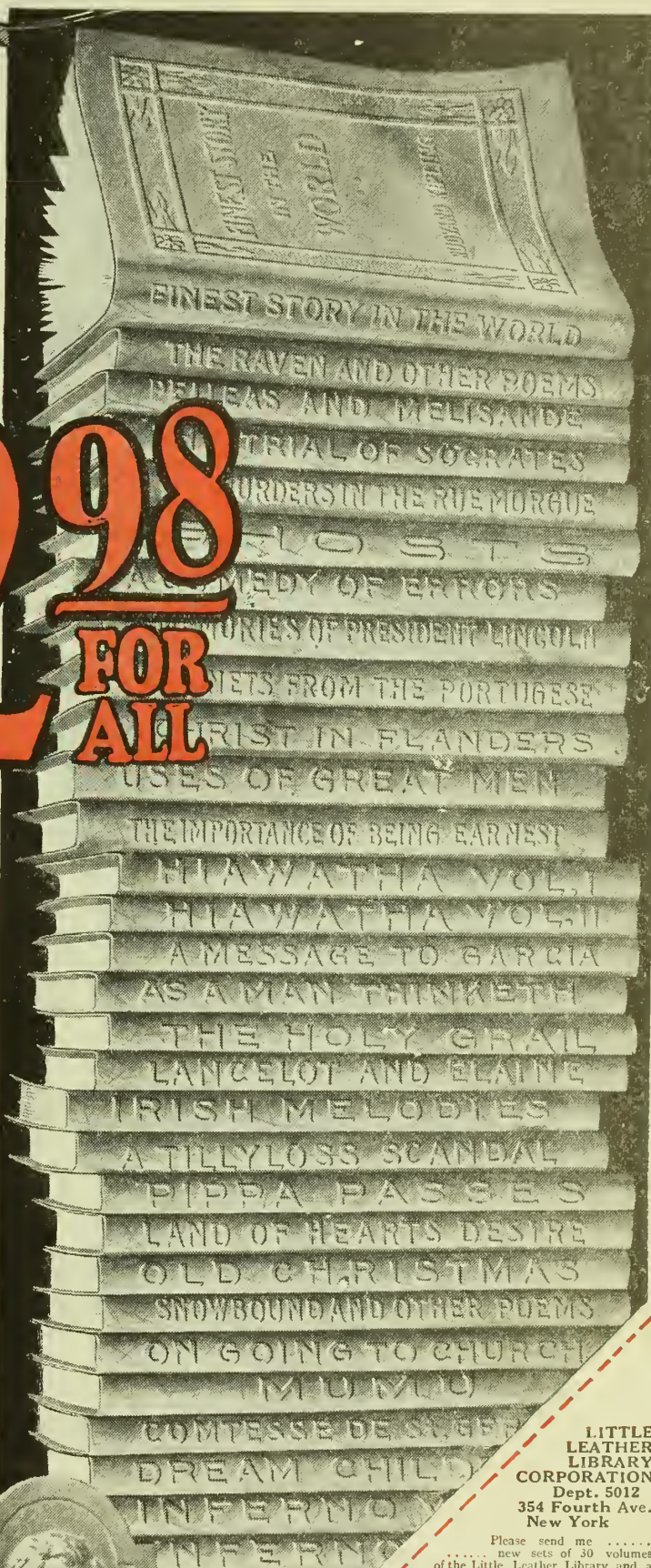
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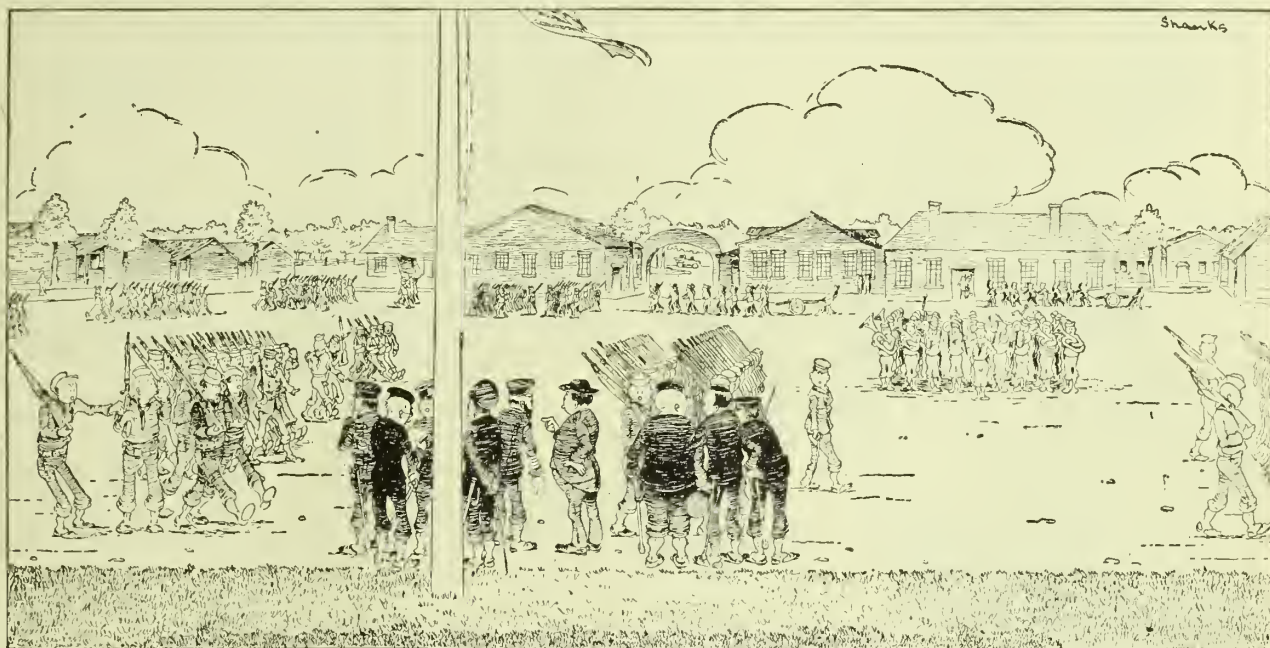
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## From START to FINISH

### *A Sea-Going Survey of the War*

By Roy Horton

**E**VEN back as far as 1915 I was so on fire with military spirit that I quite set my heart on joining a French ambulance unit, and was only dissuaded by the news that I would have to pay my own passage and give five hundred dollars toward the purchase of an ambulance. It may have been three hundred, but that would have been equally impossible. In fact, I was not in a position to endow the war at all.

My ardor cooled while the watchful waiting went on to such an extent that 1917 found me very apathetic and very willing to let Uncle Sam come and tell me what he wanted me to do. I did enlist in May, but that enlistment was what I would call a backhand stroke of patriotism.

We had been in the war about two weeks when my mother came to visit me. About the first words she uttered were, "When are you going to enlist?" "Enlist?" I exclaimed. "What do I

want to enlist for? There has been no call for volunteers. They talk of a draft and I supposed that the thing to do was to wait."

"Son," advised mother, "it's this way. The sooner you get in the better chance you will have to get ahead. You are at the very choicest age for military service and will surely have to get in sooner or later, so why not get in on the ground floor?"

Forthwith, which means without delay, I applied for admittance to an officers' training camp. In due course I was referred to a doctor for physical examination.

"My boy," the gruff old doctor said, "you have athletic heart."

"My God, doctor!" I cried. "How did I ever get that? I have never been anywhere faster than a walk in my life."

"You must have strained it in some form of sport," he replied.

Suddenly it dawned on me, came over me like a chill. It must have happened the time I held the four aces pat and was beaten by a straight flush from a two-card draw.

"Of course I did," I agreed. "I remember the time perfectly now. I'll say it was a strain. But listen, doc, what is a little athletic heart between me and the Army? It never bothers me—much."

"It makes you unfit for long marches."

"Fine. You can put it right down in the report that I haven't the slightest objection to being excused from the long marches."

I could tell from his expression that my suggestion was not a good one, so I tried another.

"Can't you put me in the cavalry, or the artillery? They ride, don't they?"

"Son," said the doctor, "you're a nice





As petty officer of the guard I had to post the first relief. It was a relief for me to get back to the guard-house

kid and I like you, but you can *not* get in my Army."

Home I went to break the news to mother. On the way an idea was born.

"If," I said to myself, "they don't want you in the Army because you can't take long marches, why don't you try the Navy? They probably won't care a hoot whether you can walk or not."

The very next day I ran into a friend who was just on the verge of enlisting in the United States Naval Reserve Force.

"Come with me to Newport to-morrow," he suggested, "and we will enlist together."

"But," I hazarded, "isn't there a recruiting station in New York? Why go to the added expense of going to Newport?"

"Yes, there is one in New York," he replied, "but I thought I would go to Newport because all the college fellows are enlisting there."

Can you beat that? He was getting snobbish about going to war. I told him that I was going to enlist in the Navy, not to sign up for a series of subscription dances at the Ritz. He went to Newport and was inducted into the service the same day. I went to New York and was not called into active service until fall. Truly virtue hath its rewards.

The navy doctor who examined me was in a hurry. It was lunch time and he was more interested in his own health than mine. The result was that he rather skipped over me. He even left out the stunt where they say, "Now cough." He did, however, find out that there was something wrong with my heart.

"What's the matter? Are you nerv-

ous?" he asked while he listened to me tick through his stethoscope.

"That wouldn't be surprising, would it?" I questioned. "I have been waiting here since early morning with no place to sit down. I've smoked a bunch of cigarettes, too, and I haven't had any lunch either."

The last was a terrible lie. I had just been out stuffing myself and had finished up with six glasses of water in an effort to increase my weight. I would like to catch the fellow who told me to do that.

My explanation seemed to suit but I do not think that it fooled him much, because I saw him write "athletic heart" on the report. I need not have worried about being under weight. That slight difficulty was easily remedied. I was five feet eleven and three-quarter inches tall and weighed 130 lbs. He left my weight at 130 but recorded my height as five feet seven and three-quarter inches. (When I arrived at the training camp they said, "My, how you have grown!")

"You're a likely-looking young chap," opined the doc. "I guess you'll do." Whereupon he sat down and wrote "Rejected" on the bottom of the report. Fortunately I was watching.

"Here," I cried, "haven't you made a mistake? Didn't you mean to write 'Accepted'?"

"Oh, yes, so I did, so I did."

The change was made and he hurried out while I appeared before the enrollment officer. I do not remember what I put in my application, but the facts must have been impressive because they drew from the enrollment officer a most amazing speech.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Horton," he said, "but I am afraid we can not make you

anything better than a first-class seaman this morning."

I was speechless. Not by the wildest flight of imagination could I see why I should be made even a first-class seaman. As for anything better, I did not even know what the next rank was so that I could ask for it, but I was certainly tickled at being treated so courteously. I need not have worried. It was a long time before I was called Mr. Horton by anyone in the Navy again.

"Go home now," he said, "and put your personal affairs in order so that you can leave in two weeks."

Six months later I was ordered to report for active service, and then only after I had written to the commandant and asked him, if I was not wanted in the Navy, please to release me so that I could get in somewhere where they could use me.

When I walked through the gates of the training station, the first thing I heard was the cry, "You'll like it, buddy," and I did. From start to finish I had a darned good time.

Our education in that camp was rapid, to say the least. On my fourth day there the company went on guard duty, and as petty officer of the guard I had to post the first relief. Five days previous I probably would have said that "the first relief" was to give a man salts for a stomachache. It would have given a real military man heartache to see me post that relief, but there were none in the probation camp. A small band of boys strolled about the camp with me at their head and left one of the gang wherever there was a sentry who showed a willingness to join us. It was a relief to me to get back to the guard-house.

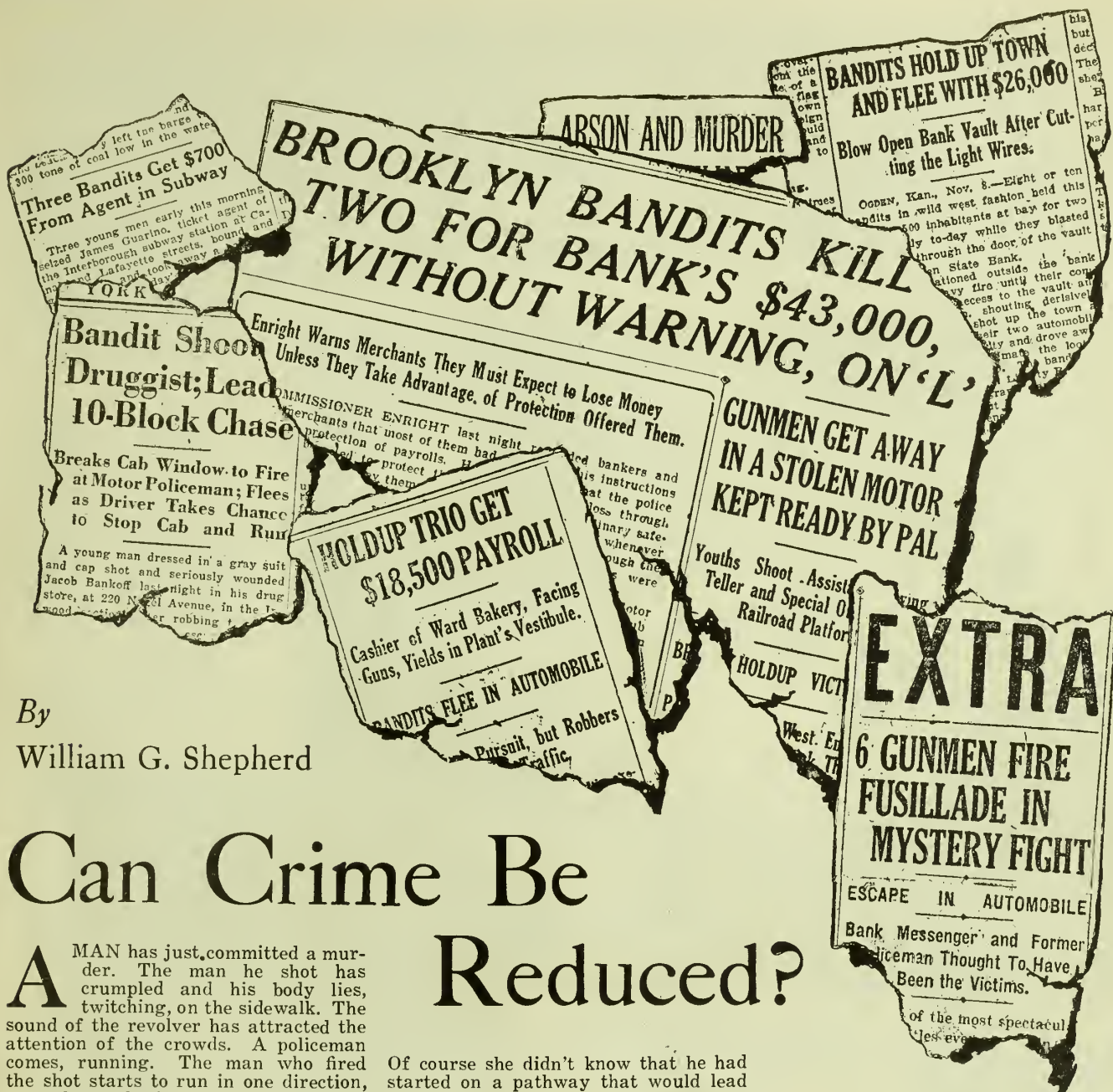
On Wednesday of the second week the company went on dress parade with the rest of the regiment and passed in review before Secretary Daniels. It must have been a horrible sight even for a Southern newspaper editor. I do not suppose that the reviewing party could tell whether we were marching in company front or in echelon.

AND so it went. We learned a great many things which, while they were never much use to us in the Navy, may be of inestimable value to us most any day now. Take knots, for instance. What a joy to be able to tie all the best known brands of knots! It gives me a thrill of pleasure every time I see them displayed before a navy recruiting station. I feel like stopping the passersby and saying, "See those knots? I can tie them all." What matter if the occasion for using them never comes? I never knew what most of them were used for anyway. Much as I know about plain and fancy knot-making today, the cold necessity of tying one generally calls for the same old operation of pre-war days, with the percentage of square knots a little higher than the grannies.

We had hammocks in the barracks too. In fact, with a little hooch to make the barracks rock and someone to throw water against the windows, the illusion of being at sea would have been perfect, but the Government stopped short of furnishing the last two details needed for absolute realism. But they did furnish hammocks, although most of the ships seemed to be going in for

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By

William G. Shepherd

# Can Crime Be Reduced?

A MAN has just committed a murder. The man he shot has crumpled and his body lies, twitching, on the sidewalk. The sound of the revolver has attracted the attention of the crowds. A policeman comes, running. The man who fired the shot starts to run in one direction, sees the gathering crowds; starts to run in another and sees more of the crowd; he dashes out into the middle of the street. He drops the revolver, still smoking. From behind him a citizen pounces on his shoulders; from the side a policeman grabs him by the collar; within a minute half a dozen men are holding him. His coat is pulled awry; his hat is brushed off; he is dragged this way and that; someone musses his hair; he falls, and the dust of the street soils his clothes. He is trying to escape the jerkings of his captors and the pushing of the crowds.

He is a murderer; he became one all in a minute; society has him in its hands now. It will take care of him. As you look at him he seems different from other men; everything about him seems different. Look at his hands; they seem different; the hands of a murderer. Look at his clothes; they don't seem like the clothes of other men. His hat there on the pavement seems different. The shoes in which he stands seem different. And yet—a woman once laughed with delight when this man, as a baby, took his first step.

Of course she didn't know that he had started on a pathway that would lead to this. Soon a group of men, sitting in a tight little room, facing a heavy-timbered chair, strung with wires, will see this man that the woman laughed about take his last step.

He will die because he has committed murder.

And why, we ask, did he commit murder? For the purposes of this article it really doesn't matter very much. He may have been trying robbery. He may have hated the man he killed. There may have been any one of a dozen reasons for the murder. The point is: he committed murder.

And way back of that point is this fact. He grew up in society—in a home; in church, perhaps; in schools; in office or factory—and in all his experience society did not get it into his heart and into his mind that crime and killing are not the ways to settle problems of life.

This man is responsible for the murder he has committed. Every criminal is accountable for his own crime. But society is responsible for the fact that he was the kind of man who could commit murder. Society must always

be responsible for the fact that it has criminals in its midst, though this fact does not excuse the criminal.

Policemen and lawyers, counting up their records, tell us: "There are not enough people in jail." Which undoubtedly is true.

But the big fact is that society—which is you and I and other folks—permits its youth to become criminals.

Students of crime—such experts, for instance, as Judge Thomas C. T. Crain of New York, say there are two ways to decrease crime in the United States. One way is to imprison all criminals, for the protection of society and for the protection of themselves. The other way is to prevent our young men from becoming criminals.

The second way, they say, is the best.

But let's turn our attention to the first method—the detention of criminals.

Lawyers are right when they say that there are not enough criminals in jail; that too many escape the police and the courts. Records in New York for twenty years show that an indicted



prisoner has a 50-50 chance of being acquitted. There are many reasons for lax law enforcement, perhaps, but let me give you one.

Not long ago I worked for many hours at a desk in the office of the attorney general of the United States in Washington. William J. Burns, the chief of government detectives, passed the door several times as I busied myself. In the next room sat John Grimm, big, happy and handsome, chief of the criminal department of the attorney general's office. I was at the heart of

To read these letters you would have thought that local government in the United States—town government, city government, county government and even state government—had cracked like government in Russia, and that the country was absolutely without policemen and sheriffs and needed the protection of the soldiers of the American army.

Here are some of the things I read: Citizens in Chicago wanted the Government in Washington to stop indecent stag parties. Sheep raisers wanted

Government at Washington and is doing too little to keep up good, sound, local government at home.

"The police are crooked," say the citizens of a town, "let's ask Washington to help us."

"Our mayor is a grafter. You can't get good government under him. Let's see what Washington can do about keeping our city clean."

"Our sheriff is a bootlegger. You can't expect any protection for life and property from him and his gang of crooked deputies. We must try to get

Washington to take hold of matters out here."

Thousands and hundreds of thousands of citizens are talking like this these days. And they are all talking wrong.

Perhaps the policemen are wrong, though this isn't always the case; perhaps the sheriff is a bootlegger, though this isn't the truth, except in occasional instances. The way to detect criminals in your community is not to expect Uncle Sam to do the job for you. It is: Get a new mayor or new policemen or a new sheriff.

Election time is the time to fix up such problems as the detection of crime and the arrest of criminals.

Too many American men are afraid of local political fights. They try to stay out of local politics. The result is that only too often crooked politicians run local politics, when honest, citizen-politicians ought to be doing it.

Crooked politicians are always hand in hand with crime. Even criminals get into office under crooked politicians, and then crime gets the upper hand in a community. Few arrests of criminals are made; fewer convictions are secured in the courts. Criminals flock to a city where such political

conditions prevail and make life miserable for the citizens.

One way—the big way—for citizens of the United States to protect themselves against crime and to cause its decrease, is to secure for themselves, by means of good, clean politics, honest and efficient local government. Begging Uncle Sam to do something for you that you and your fellow citizens ought to be doing in your own home town doesn't do any good. What's more, under the constitution, Uncle Sam isn't permitted to mix in local affairs; he couldn't, if he wanted to.

**B**BETTER local government, all over the United States, which would mean better law enforcement and better police protection, is a chief means by which society, in America, can reduce crime.

The second way to reduce crime in the United States is to prevent young men from crime; to steer them away from it.

I feel that I can talk to a Legion man about religion more freely than I can  
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Convicts working on a road in Georgia. How many of these men in stripes were given "a decent equipment in life and a decent outlook on it"?

Uncle Sam's criminal investigation department.

I had asked these experts in criminology—men before whose gaze passes America's parade of crime—how crime could be reduced in the United States. They had seated me in this office and placed in my hands, to read at my leisure, thousands of letters which had come to the department from citizens in every corner of the United States. They told me that what I found in the letters would be the answer to my question.

And I found the answer there. I found one reason—and an important one—for the growth of crime in the United States.

Almost every letter said, "Our local policemen, our local sheriff, our local law officials have all fallen down on their jobs. We don't believe we can expect any protection from them. We want the attorney general of the United States to help us." The letters, of course, didn't say these things in so many words; but that was the gist and the import of every one I read from every corner of the country.

Uncle Sam to stop sheep stealing in the Northwest. From almost every corner of the country came appeals for Uncle Sam to close the establishments of massagists and fortune tellers. Many people wanted the Government at Washington to stop automobile speeding in their towns and States. Other persons wanted the Government to close disorderly houses in their home towns. Still others wanted the moving picture theaters "cleaned up."

Undoubtedly all the things that were requested needed to be done. But the point is this:

These hundreds of writers were calling upon the *President of the United States*—the highest official in the land—to do for them, in their own communities, what their own policemen and sheriffs ought to do. They had directed to the President's cabinet—and thereby, technically, to the President himself—calls for help which they should have sent to their local police officials.

There is proof enough in Washington—and in most American cities—that society in America (and that's all of us) is expecting too much from the



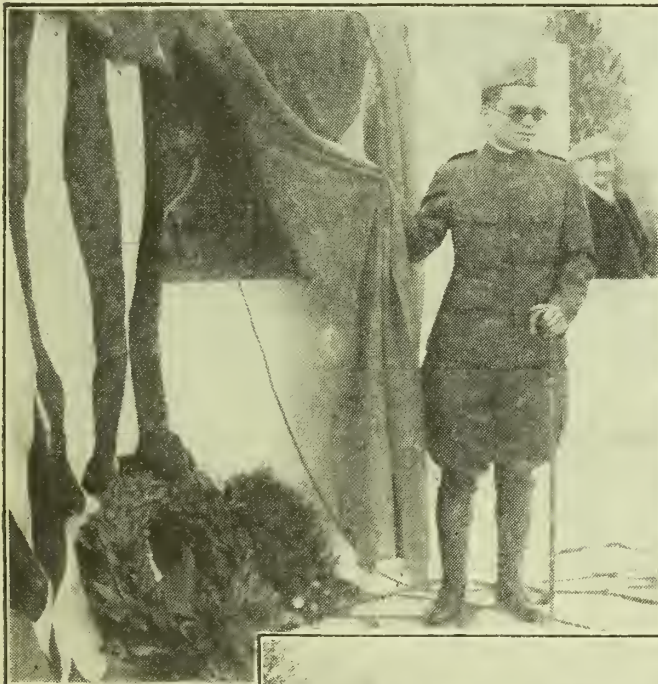


The bronze tablet which is the central feature of the Galbraith Memorial. The departed Commander's ashes rest in a crypt behind this tablet

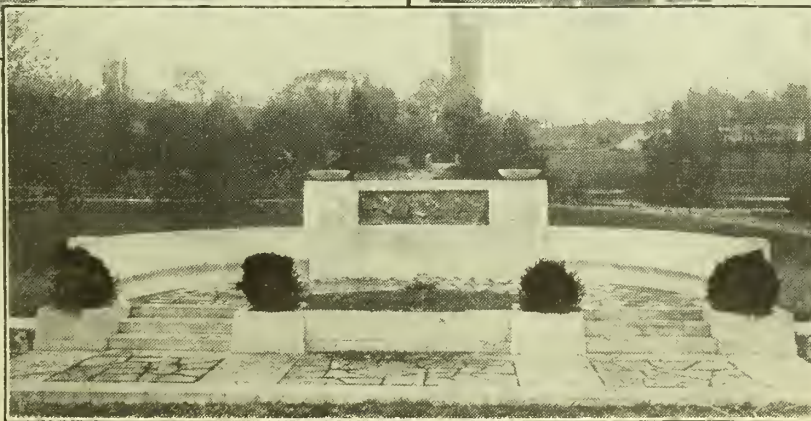
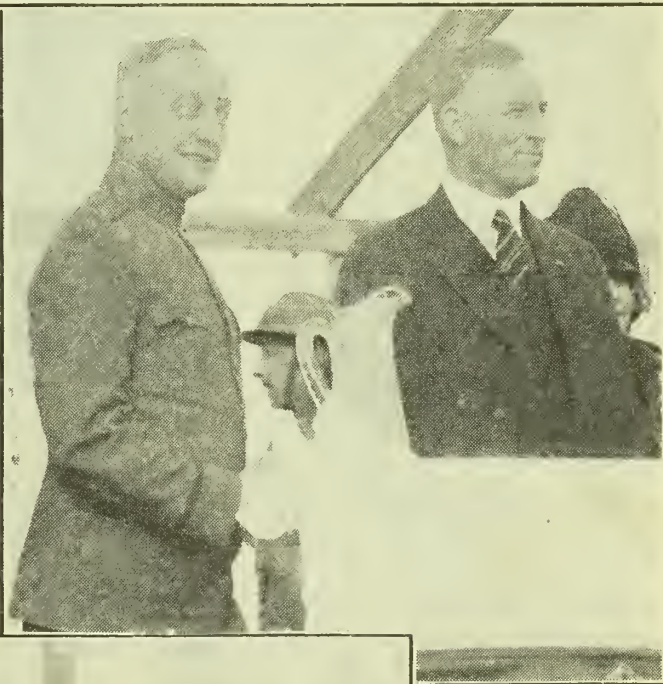
## *In Honor of a Vanished Leader*

**T**HE memorial tomb in his home city of Cincinnati in which lie the ashes of National Commander Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., became a national shrine of The American Legion on November tenth when thousands of Legionnaires, representing every State in the Union, marched to a hilltop overlooking the Ohio River to dedicate a monument of bronze and stone which the Legion has erected to honor the memory of its departed chieftain. Seven foreign countries sent representatives to attend the ceremonies: Colonel Marquis Vittorio Asinari di Bernezzo of the Italian Em-

bassy; Major-General H. Haraguchi of the Japanese Embassy; Colonel Lionel E. O. Charlton, British military attaché; General G. A. L. Dumont, representing France; Boris Vavarsath, Siamese minister; M. T. Samados of the Greek Embassy, and Captain Grace Aranh, representing Brazil. Standards of more than a hundred American Legion posts were carried. The ceremony marked the first public appearance of National Commander John R. Quinn since his election at San Francisco. He was accompanied to Cincinnati by most of the other national officers of the Legion.



Michael Aaronsohn, blinded veteran of Galbraith's regiment, unveiling the flags and revealing his old Commander's features, which he alone cannot see



The Galbraith Memorial, high on a cliff above the city, looks down upon the Ohio river and across to the hills of Kentucky

National Commander John R. Quinn, who gave the principal address. It was his first public appearance following his election in October. In uniform at the Commander's side is Gilbert Bettman of Cincinnati, chairman of the Legion committee which had charge of erecting the memorial



# EDITORIAL

## The Time Has Come

**T**HE 68th Congress will consider at the present session a bill to provide adjusted compensation for veterans of the World War.

The American Legion, largest and most representative organization of World War veterans, believes that simple justice demands the passage of this measure.

The American Legion believes that an obligation exists, and The American Legion believes the country is convinced that an obligation exists. How that obligation is to be met is for the Congress to decide—it is the debtor's prerogative to choose the means by which he shall liquidate his indebtedness.

With firm faith The American Legion looks to the 68th Congress to enact this bill. Measures have come and gone since the war, but none has shown the vitality of adjusted compensation. It will not down. It is inevitable legislation—for justice is always inevitable.

The time to pass the Adjusted Compensation Bill is now.

## Business as Usual

**E**X-CROWN PRINCE FRIEDRICH WILHELM shook the dust of Holland from his feet the other day and returned to Germany. He traveled rapidly, but he didn't equal the speed record which he and his father established when they entered Holland in 1918. The memory of that frantic flight over the border when his country was in danger is still fresh. Perhaps that is why the German people did not declare the day of his return a holiday.

## A Momentous Twenty Years

**A** SCORE of years ago ballooning was already a century-old established science. Even the glider was a known if not a familiar apparatus—as far back as the fifteenth century one Jean Baptiste Dante had amazed the natives of Perugia, Italy (and very likely himself), by sailing short distances above the earth strapped to a pair of wings.

But twenty years ago the airplane, as a practical device, was yet unborn. History was made when, on December 17, 1903, the first successful sustained flight was achieved on the barren sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The eye-witnesses to this significant event were three of the crew of the adjacent Kill Devil Life-saving Station and two pop-eyed natives.

They saw Wilbur and Orville Wright make two flights each. The last and longest was made by Wilbur. It lasted fifty-nine seconds. The distance traveled was 852 feet, the altitude reached approximately two feet, the speed attained about ten miles an hour. The motor of this pioneer airplane, designed by the Wrights, developed a maximum of sixteen horse-power—its average was about twelve horse-power. The whole apparatus, pilot included, weighed seven hundred and fifty pounds. As a climax to that eventful day a gust of wind wrecked the flimsy contraption beyond repair. But it had flown.

What has been the fruit of this experiment? Let us look at a few comparisons. Duration of uninterrupted flight has increased from fifty-nine seconds to thirty-four hours. The distance record for an uninterrupted flight has expanded from 852 feet to more than three thousand miles. The altitude record has scaled up from two feet to seven miles above the earth's surface. Wilbur Wright's ten-mile-an-hour pace has been magnified to 266.6 miles an hour. And the latest American bombing plane, equipped with twenty-four hundred horse-power instead of sixteen, can carry five tons of bombs or anything else in excess of its own weight and that of its crew of seven.

That's what twenty years has done for aviation. What will the next twenty do?

## In the Right Direction

**A** FEUD is not settled if, after the fathers of the two families concerned have made peace, their short-troussered sons go out and take pot shots at each other.

The Washington conference on the limitation of naval armament concerned only the five leading powers of the world. A host of smaller nations were not represented. They are to have their turn at a meeting called by the League of Nations on January 21st at Geneva which will prepare the provisional text of a treaty supplementing the effective Washington document.

The navies of Turkey, Chile and Holland—these countries, among many others, will be represented at the Geneva meeting—would count for little, ship for ship, against any of the great powers. But the question involved at the intended conference goes deeper than the mere ratio of mathematical naval strength. Serbia, herself blameless and wholly justified, provided the spark which set the world afire in 1914. Any attempt to further the cause of world peace by ending dangerous armament rivalries among the small nations reacts directly on the stability of the great nations. And just now stability is something the world cannot enjoy too much of.

## The Public Learns Something

**T**WO months ago not one American in fifty appreciated the fact that the United States Veterans Bureau was, with the possible exception of the Post Office Department, the most gigantic establishment in the whole complex system of our Federal Government. The ratio of intelligence may not have altered greatly since then, but assuredly today, thanks to the wide notice which Senate investigation of the Bureau's past conduct has won, rather more than one American in fifty knows that there is a disabled problem and that for the best part of five years it has been scandalously mismanaged. It has been objected that the investigation is merely uncovering a lot of dirt without aiding the disabled veteran constructively. That will come—a wound must be cleaned before it can be healed. Meanwhile the public is learning something—something which, through no fault of its own, it was never aware of before. That helps.

## EDITORIALS BY THE OWNERS

*THE Weekly has decided to offer the occasional use of its editorial page to its readers. They are invited to write their own editorials. This plan, it is hoped, will give members of the Legion an opportunity to express to all their fellow Legionnaires their opinions on matters in which the Legion is especially interested—or in which they think it ought to be—thereby making the department a more certain reflection of the sentiment of the organization. The Weekly differs from most publications in that its readers are also its owners. Hence the editorials will be by the bosses themselves. Copy for editorials should be addressed to The Editors, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43rd Street, New York City.*



# How About a Post Clubhouse?

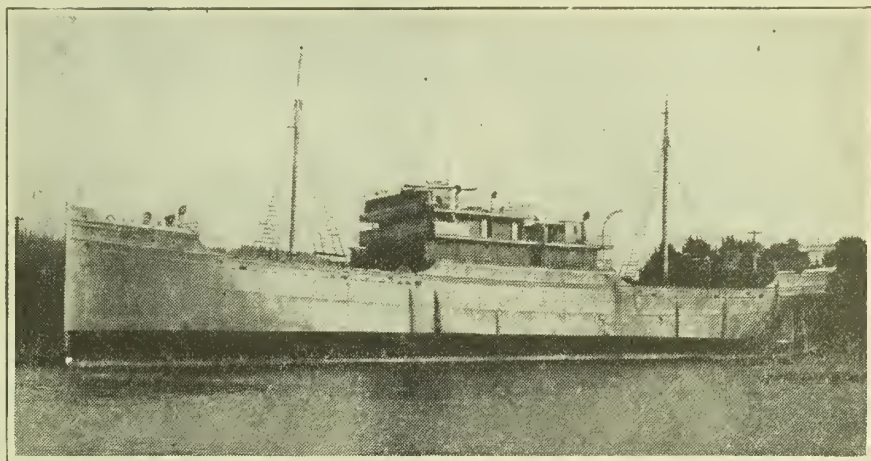
By Atwood H. Townsend

**W**HEN is a Legion clubhouse a real Legion home? What sort of a clubhouse should the post acquire?

To get the answers to these questions I trailed a national officer of the Legion to his lair. He had visited hundreds of posts in all parts of the country and ranked as an authority on the subject.

"What should a Legion clubhouse include?" I asked him.

"That all depends on the size of the post and of the community and especially on what particular facilities the post and the community need," he said. "There's no sense in a post's duplicating something that the community



Both of these Legion clubhouses—the one on dry land at El Paso, Texas, and the floating home of Guy Rathbun Post of Kelso, Washington—help pay their own upkeep through the rental of rooms. Thirty-five cabins are available in the remodeled steamer *Montezuma*, the Shipping Board craft which the Kelso outfit acquired, and six rooms have been set apart for Legion residents of El Paso Post's home, in addition to an attic and sleeping porch which are at the disposal of transient veterans

baskets, preferably removable, and you're ready for basketball. You can rent the hall to outsiders for conventions and fairs. You can—"

"All right. I get you. You've made that one hall sound like a magician's hat."

"That's no pipe dream," he said. "I know of posts, and more than a few of them, that are getting just those uses out of properly designed assembly halls. And the same principle holds for other rooms in the clubhouse."

"Now some details," I suggested.

"To start at the beginning of the list, every Legion building surely ought to include some sort of memorial to the men from the community who gave their lives to their country, say a simple bronze tablet."

"As to the assembly hall, I've already outlined the uses that can be made of it. The hall is really the essential part of the building; everything else is trimmings. In a community which already has an adequate auditorium that is available for big Legion affairs there's no need for the post to have anything more than a room big enough for its own meetings. In most cases, however, this main hall should be large enough for public affairs and should be adaptable for athletics and for dancing. With such an auditorium a post is equipped to do worthwhile things for itself and for its home town."

"Next on the list come the social rooms. A Legion building must be more than a mere headquarters, more than a hall where the post meets once or twice a month. It must be a genuine club, a place where the boys can gather informally every night in the week. If

is already adequately supplied with. Here's a list of features as a basis for discussion: First, some sort of memorial to those who died in service; then, as the main feature, an assembly hall, preferably one big enough for public affairs; next, social rooms where the gang can get together every night in the week; facilities for one or more sports—billiards, bowling, swimming, basketball; a room for the Auxiliary; office and committee rooms; and, of course, the necessary plumbing, heating and lighting equipment. If athletic activities are figured on, shower baths must be included. It's a good thing, by the way, to have a kitchen to take care of occasional dinners. In large clubhouses a canteen open all the time or at least in the evening is a desirable feature. That covers about all the needs of the post itself.

"If the building is to be something of a community center, other needs have to be met. A library or a museum or both may be included. The plan of such buildings ought to provide rooms suitable for the Boy Scouts, for the

local Red Cross chapter, for the Grange, and for other community organizations and activities.

"In addition to meeting needs of the post and the community, the Legion building, especially if it is in the center of the town, may often be wisely planned to include stores, business offices, apartments, or something else which will carry part or all of the overhead on the building."

"Wait a minute," I said. "You're talking about enough rooms to fill a skyscraper."

"Not at all. I was really listing the uses that a post will want to make of its building. As a matter of fact, one actual room can be planned to meet anywhere from two to a dozen needs. Your assembly hall, for instance, can be used for the meetings of the Legion, of the Auxiliary, of the Boy Scouts, of the Red Cross, of the Grange. Stick up a stage at one end and you're all set for minstrel shows, amateur dramatics, motion pictures, anything you want. Shove the chairs back and you're fixed for a dance. Put up apparatus and



the main hall is to be used sometimes by other organizations, then there should be a separate room which will always be open to the Legionnaires who happen to drop in. Somewhere around there ought to be one or more pool tables. I've seen dozens of clubhouses where the pool tables were the most popular feature of the equipment.

"As for more vigorous athletics, the main hall may be also used as a gymnasium, or a separate gym can be put in the basement. Anyhow, there should always be provision for basketball games, boxing, and other forms of sport. Bowling alleys and swimming pools are rather expensive things, but a few Legion clubhouses have them now, and I have a hunch it would be a good thing if houses being built now were so planned that alleys or a pool or both could be added later when the post gets more money.

"Then there ought to be a few small rooms which can be used interchangeably for committee meetings, for the post adjutant's office, for Auxiliary headquarters, and for other special purposes."

"In a small building one room could serve all those purposes," I suggested.

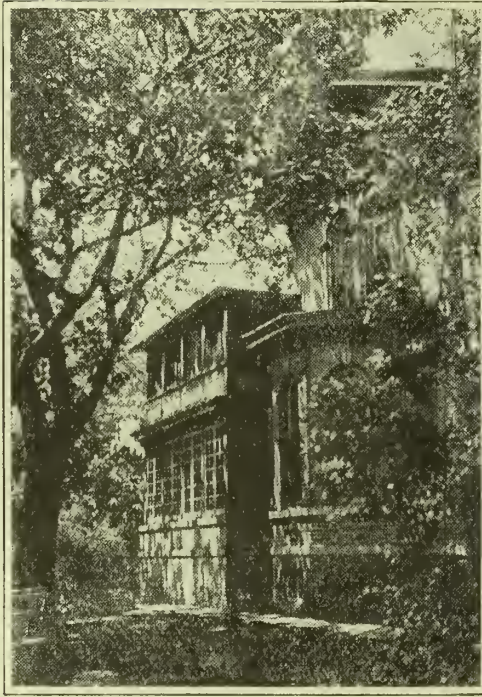
"Surely. As to the necessary heating apparatus, wash rooms and shower baths, that all depends on the size of the building and the uses to be made of it. In any case the post shouldn't try to skimp on these essentials."

"What if the building is to be a combined Legion clubhouse and community center?"

"In such cases the auditorium is still the most important feature, for the townfolk will want to use it for meetings, shows and dances. In addition, if sufficient money is available, special rooms can be provided for such organizations as the Boy Scouts, the G. A. R. and other veterans' organizations, and other local societies. If the size of the building is limited the community activities can double up and triple up in the rooms they use. Various clubhouses that I have seen have embodied all sorts of special provisions to meet the needs of the community. Several house the local library; one includes the executive offices of the municipal government, and another shelters the post office."

"What principles should govern whether the building is to be primarily a Legion club or more of a community center?"

"Once again I have to say that all depends. Generally speaking, in larger cities and in the older settled parts of the country the various needs of the community are apt to be satisfactorily met by a variety of buildings. In such localities the clubhouse would be primarily for the Legion post's own uses. In smaller towns, and especially in the



Old trees and broad lawns help make the home of Prescott-Bayens Post of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, an ideally situated Legion clubhouse. Below is the living room. The home was the gift of the Kohler family, whose home is next door—they believe Legionnaires make good neighbors



West, which is newly built up, there frequently are community needs not adequately provided for. In such cases—when the town is without a proper meeting hall, or a suitable place for public dances, or a gymnasium or a library—the Legion can make a very worth-while contribution to the welfare of the community by getting the citizens to join with it in the erection of a combined Legion headquarters and community center."

After securing all this authoritative information I went back to an architect friend who had been my first informant on clubhouse statistics and outlined the situation to him.

"These are the uses that a post will want to make of its building," I said.

"Now tell me how to get the most for the least money."

"Before we get lost in details," he said, "I want to emphasize the importance of looking carefully before any leaping is done. The post should start off by organizing a small but select building committee of the best experts it can draft—contractors, architects, real estate men, bankers. This committee might well include fathers of Legionnaires and outside citizens in addition to members of the post. The committee, of course, should study the proposal thoroughly—picking the site with care, perhaps running a contest for architect's plans, certainly getting competitive bids on the building contracts."

"In other words, the post should follow Davy Crockett's motto, 'Be sure you're right, then go ahead.' Now what can you suggest about sites for clubhouses?"

"Well, in small country towns the location doesn't make much difference, because any old segment of the map is about as cheap and convenient as any other. But when you come to a sizable town with a busy community nucleus you have to figure on realty values. As a rule in such cases—except when the Legion building is planned to include stores, offices, or something else to be rented out which would pay dividends on a main street location—it is better for the post to pick a site on a side street just off the business center; that is, a location that will be convenient

enough to all parts of the town and yet not be in the region of highest values and highest taxes."

"Then you advocate 'a little post around the corner.'"

"That's just the idea. Now as to the particular problem of designing the building after the post has decided through its building committee what it wants in its clubhouse, how much money is to be spent, and where the building is to stand, the architect's job is to establish a sane balance between usefulness, economy and beauty. I have already suggested the necessity of getting the greatest possible

value in actual usefulness for the money available. In addition, a Legion post, as a patriotic organization, owes it to its community to put up a building that will be an asset and not a liability. That doesn't necessarily mean a monumental façade of white marble, but it does mean that the post should spare its home town an architectural atrocity similar to certain types of public and semi-public buildings that are all too frequent in this country. An Englishman, it is said, or perhaps it was a Frenchman, declared, after seeing a number of American Civil War memorials, 'Now I know what they mean by the horrors of war.'

"In regard to the design there are  
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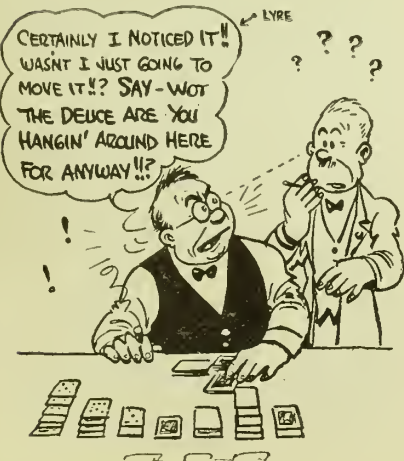
# What's In a Name?

By Wallgren

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George Washington Post of Washington, D. C., finds the collection of tinfoil as profitable today as many communities did in wartime

## Capital City Legionnaires Turn Lead Into Gold

GEORGE WASHINGTON POST of Washington, D. C., has learned the secret of transforming tinfoil, rubber and lead into gold. It has placed at strategic points receptacles in which Legionnaires and anyone else may deposit material which can be sold to increase the post's welfare fund. Shown in the photo at the left of the can are William F. Mahony, chairman of the Tin Foil Committee, T. C. Hown, the post's youngest Legionnaire, if not the nation's youngest, and William N. Williams, oldest Legionnaire. At the right are Frank T. Hines, director of the United States Veterans Bureau, and Admiral T. C. Cowie.

The conservation and collection of odds and ends of tinfoil, rubber and the like was an important civilian activity in wartime, but it has remained for George Washington Post to show that these scraps of refuse have a commercial value in peace as well.

## Post Has \$400,000 Clubhouse, but Doesn't Keep Doors Locked

GUY RATHBURN POST of Kelso, Washington, has a \$400,000 clubhouse. But erase from your mind any picture which this statement creates. No marble façade with Corinthian columns, no magnificent portico, no broad halls and grand stairways, no Della Robbia room. And no setting of wide lawns and old trees and winding drives. Guy Rathburn Post's clubhouse is a ship and it cost the post, as an initial investment, exactly \$2,500.

Kelso Post had the acumen to know a bargain when it saw one. Hence it snapped up the old Shipping Board vessel *Montezuma* when that craft was placed on the Government's bargain counter. For \$2,500 it got a ship 285 feet long, with a 47-foot beam and 48-foot depth of hold. And it wasn't a hulk by any means. With the hull came thirty-five cabins finished in oak and mahogany, fourteen shower baths, ten bath

tubs, a complete galley with range, ice boxes and storerooms, dining saloons, hospital quarters and chart house. In addition to the purchase price the post spent \$225 for towing from Portland, Oregon, to Kelso; \$225 in dredging a berth in the riverbed; \$500 for installing lights and water supply system and \$800 for a heating plant. It also spent \$1,500 in furnishing cabins for living quarters.

The post plans to rent the cabins to service men at a rate of \$12.50 a month each. It will operate the ship on the clubhouse plan. A dance floor is being placed in the main hold and a banquet room amidships, where post meetings are being held.

The floating clubhouse is bringing in new members. From a membership of forty-one in 1922 it has increased this year to 182, a growth of 449 percent, a record which won for it the Bolles Trophy at the convention of the Washington department. This trophy is an annual award established by National Adjutant Lemuel Bolles, who hails from the State of Washington, to be given to the post in the department showing the greatest growth over the preceding year.

## They Like Legion Neighbors

BECAUSE of overuse the term "family mansion" does not have the significance it once had. But it was really a mansion which the Kohler family of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, presented to Prescott-Bayens Post. In making the gift Mrs. Kohler, her three daughters and her son paid an exceptional compliment to the Legion, for they selected the Legion as their neighbor, the family retaining another large house adjoining the one transformed into the Legion home.

A few months ago two Kohler homes stood side by side on a shady residence street in Sheboygan, a lawn between them. Walter J. Kohler, son of the founder of one of Wisconsin's biggest manufacturing industries, recently built a home near the model manufacturing town of Kohler, a suburb of Sheboygan, and one of the homes was left vacant. Then the gift to the Le-

gion was announced. It was spontaneous and inspired wholly by public spirit. Mrs. Kohler and her daughters and son surrendered the long rooms, the broad lawns and the old trees of many happy memories. They wished their home to become a memorial to two sons who had served their country, one now dead, who served in the Spanish-American War, the other living and a Legionnaire.

After the gift had been announced, Mrs. Kohler and her daughters personally directed with enthusiasm the work of remodeling and furnishing the house for its new use. When the formal dedication took place a thousand guests thronged the house and assembled about a tall ship's mast on the lawn used as a flagpole. Addresses were given by department and post officials.

## Texas Post Also Rents Rooms

EL PASO (Texas) Post raised \$40,000 with which the building shown on page 11 was purchased. The post home contains a large basement in which an assembly room has been fixed up which also serves as a dance hall. The first floor contains a kitchen, two pantries, dining room, poolroom, office and library. On the second floor are six bedrooms which are rented to Legionnaires. The bedrooms are supplemented by two baths and three linen closets. The attic will eventually be fixed up for transients and a large sleeping porch also will be arranged for transients—the transients, however, must be veterans. To the ownership of the clubhouse the post attributes largely a growth that has made it one of the biggest Legion outfits in Texas.

*Photographs of these three Legion homes are shown in "How About a Legion Clubhouse?" on pages 11 and 12.*

## Foch and Pershing Mindful of Buddies in Paris Reunion

TWO old buddies of the World War got together in Paris on Armistice Day—Ferdinand Foch and John Pershing. They thought about the rest of us over here, and the result was this cablegram addressed to the National Commander of The American Legion, which reached National Headquarters in Indianapolis on November 11th:

Reunis à Paris en ce grand jour, nous envoyons à la Légion Américaine notre fidèle souvenir dans la commune pensée de voir arriver la paix de justice et de liberté.

FOCH  
PERSHING

In case you can't find the old double-decked dictionary, here is what it says in English: "Reunited at Paris on this great day, we extend to The American Legion our faithful remembrance in the common thought of seeing arrive the peace of justice and liberty."

General Pershing at the time he cabled was in Europe on a tour which took him over the old A. E. F. battlegrounds. Marshal Foch knows something more about The American Legion than he has read or heard—he was the Legion's guest at the Third National Convention at Kansas City in 1921.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

116TH F. S. BN.—Fourth annual reunion, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10. Address C. E. Butterworth, 300 E. Pine st., Seattle.

*Announcements for this column must be received three weeks in advance of the events with which they are concerned.*



## San Francisco Parade Movies Available to Posts

THEY are still marching—the Old Gray Mare and the Cowboy Band of Texas, the six-foot Iowans with their tall corn hats, the fluffy little chicken girls from Petaluma, the Indians from Oklahoma, ten thousand sailors and Marines from our battle fleet. They are still marching, all of them, the men and women of every State from Alabama to Wyoming, in the official motion pictures of the parade at the Legion's Fifth National Convention at San Francisco in October. It was by far the best parade ever seen at a Legion convention. The motion pictures of that parade obtained by the National Film Service of The American Legion do it justice. The pictures run one thousand feet—a single reel. Any post may obtain them and show them at post meetings, or have them shown by the local theaters as a part of a member-getting campaign. Address department headquarters.

## \$250,000 Community Hall Result of Missouri Post's Activity

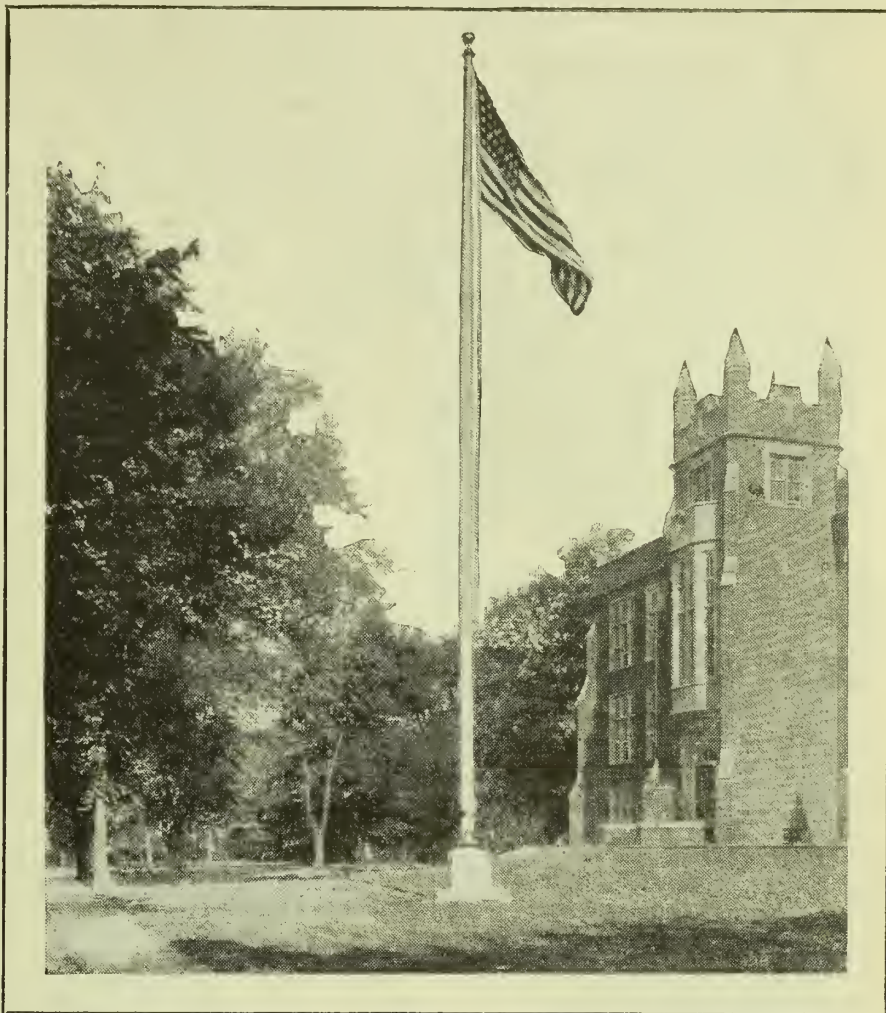
ROBERT S. THURMAN POST of Joplin, Missouri, knew the kind of people who live in Joplin and it knew what that city of 30,000 needed. For one thing the city needed a community center, a building which would be used for conventions, for musical entertainments and for great public affairs, but which should also be a club for everybody. It visualized a building capable of caring for an audience of 5,000 persons which at the same time should furnish an everyday home for The American Legion, the Boy Scouts and other similar organizations.

Thurman Post felt that such a building would be the most fitting memorial which the city could establish to honor the memory of its sons who died in the World War. The post had no difficulty in convincing the city commission of this, and the commission passed an ordinance referring to a vote of the people a proposal to issue \$250,000 in bonds to pay for the building. The election was duly held and the erection of the memorial building approved by a vote of three to one. To obtain this result Thurman Post conducted a campaign which brought into play all the latent public spirit of the city. The methods it used were so effective and so well planned and carried out that the campaign could serve as a model for similar efforts by other posts.

Immediately after the bond-issue ordinance was passed by the city commission, the post conducted a slogan contest in the newspapers, offering three cash prizes for the phrases which best typified the purpose of the building. The slogan "Lest We Forget" was selected by judges as the best submitted, but numerous other slogans obtained were used throughout the campaign. The contest served its immediate purpose of reminding every voter of the election.

A mass meeting of citizens was held in the Legion clubrooms. A speech was made by the president of the chamber of commerce, a lawyer, who explained the cost of the proposed building in taxes—eleven cents on each hundred dollars of valuation. Other speakers explained the utilitarian, the sentimental and the commercial aspects of the project. One citizen present offered to make up personally any deficit in the funds needed to conduct the campaign.

A bureau of information was established in Legion headquarters and inquiries were



A bronze tablet on the base of a memorial flagstaff and bronze tablets on boulders marking a row of memorial trees constitute Legion memorials in La Grange, Illinois

also answered by telephone. The list of voters was copied from poll books at the city hall and letters were sent out explaining the bond-issue proposal. Inclosed with this letter was a card bearing the Preamble to the Legion's Constitution and rules of flag etiquette.

Post Commander W. D. Myers appointed a memorial hall committee and assigned to each of the nineteen precincts a Legionnaire chairman who selected his helpers. A house-to-house canvass was made—"yes" or "no" being set down after the name of each resident. When this big task was finished the names were compared with the list of qualified voters.

Open-air meetings were held in different sections of the city during the ten days preceding the election. The Legion post composed of colored service men held two meetings of colored citizens. Speakers appeared at regular meetings of the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs and before meetings of women's clubs and other organizations.

On election day department store clerks asked each customer, "Have you voted?" Grocers aided by sticking in each order delivered one of the hand-bills with which the town had been flooded. Telephone operators called each subscriber on the morning of election day and said: "Have you voted? Please don't forget—vote yes." Boy Scouts in uniform took station at the voting places and handed out tags labeled, "I voted yes. Did you?" Automobiles were

used to help bring voters to the booths.

Members of the Auxiliary worked prodigiously to help win the victory. They acted as judges and clerks on election day and served at the district headquarters helping get the voters out. They folded and mailed the thousands of circular letters sent out and got their neighbors to attend the open-air meetings.

## Illinois Post Uses Bronze Tablets as Memorials

BRONZE tablets remind the people of La Grange, Illinois, that The American Legion is not only keeping alive the memory of those who died in the nation's wars but is also working every day to keep the flag flying over a better home town. La Grange Post of the Legion has erected a flagstaff in front of a new grammar school building. Upon a monumental base is a tablet commemorating the sacrifices of the war dead. The post has also placed bronze tablets on boulders to mark the memorial trees planted along one of the principal residential streets of the town.

During each of the last three years La Grange Post has conducted a fall festival as a community celebration, and the profits from these events have enabled it to carry out a varied program of welfare work and civic activities. As one of its efforts, it equipped the library of the Walter Hines Speedway Hospital in Chicago, operated by the Veterans Bureau.



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IN accordance with a resolution passed at the Fifth National Convention of the Legion, the Weekly will begin the publication of a column devoted to chronicling the deaths of members of the Legion. The responsibility of supplying the information for this department will necessarily rest upon post commanders, and commanders are requested to arrange that notices of all death of members be forwarded promptly. Such notices should give the name of the deceased member, his age, and his military and Legion record. They should be mailed to The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43rd St., New York City.

### Physician Builds Shrine To Preserve Names of War Dead

WORLD War memorials are assuming countless forms—statues, community buildings, parks, tree-lined boulevards and driveways, scholarships in colleges and universities, these and many others. In Oakland, California, a physician is at work on a memorial which he hopes will give to posterity a priceless record of the World War. He has erected a temple overlooking Lake Merritt, a branch of San Francisco Bay. In this he is placing, as he is able to obtain them, honor rolls of World War dead, not only of every American State but of all the Allied countries.

The founder of this memorial is Dr. L. F. Herrick. During the war he was chairman of an Oakland exemption board under the Selective Service Act. He has already spent \$30,000 of his own in erecting the temple and obtaining the lists of the dead, and he does not expect to complete the task before he dies. The work of tabulating and checking finally the lists of dead in France, Great Britain, Italy and other countries will take many years, Dr. Herrick believes, but he has arranged with ambassadors to obtain the lists when they are available. He has more than 50,000 names recorded now, including the names from Brazil, Haiti, Portugal, Egypt and Czechoslovakia. He is expecting the full list from Canada soon, and within a short time he hopes to have lists for each of the 48 States. His lists of the States now are:

Arizona, 298; Alabama, 1927; California, 3343; Colorado, 953; Connecticut, 1282; Delaware, 249; Florida, 1040; Idaho, 556; Georgia, 3083; Illinois, 2107; Kansas, 3565; Maine, 1001; Montana, 1998; Nevada, 195; New Mexico, 502; Nebraska, 1599; Oregon, 999; South Carolina, 255; Utah, 480; Virginia, 2619; West Virginia, 1757; Washington, 1396; Michigan, 2784; Tennessee, 3371; Wisconsin, 3874; Vermont, 1272.

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EX-SERVICE women can now enter national soldiers' homes on exactly the same basis as ex-service men. Heretofore the only distinction has been that women veterans alone could not become residents of the homes as a result of disabilities incurred out of the service. This restriction is removed by a recent action of the Board of Managers of the national homes, the War Department announces. In the past ex-service women have been entitled to the same compensation, hospitalization and training as men in cases of disability arising from service, but were not eligible to care or treatment otherwise.

The Board of Managers ordered that a separate building be set aside at the Danville (Illinois) Branch for the care of ex-service women who are entitled to admission to the home and in need of general hospital treatment or domiciliary care, and that separate facilities be provided at the tuberculosis hospital at the Northwestern Branch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for ex-service women in need of treatment. The women's accommodations in both of these branches will be separate from those of the men insofar as practicable, with separate mess halls, gardens and other features. Religious services, concerts, moving pictures and other recreational and educational features will be attended in common by both women and men.

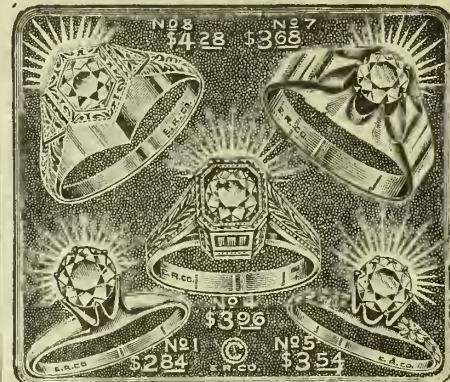
As the only basis at present for an estimate of the number of women who may desire to take advantage of accommodations at soldiers' homes are the disability claims received by the United States Veterans Bureau, the Board of Managers has requested that report be made to the board of women who are in need of care. Thus far 2,178 women's claims have been considered by the Bureau, of which 1,210 were allowed and 968 disallowed. The principal disabilities reported have been tuberculosis and neuro-psychiatric and heart cases. As only four percent of women enlisted in the war presented disability claims as compared to thirteen percent of the men, it is assumed there are a considerable number of disabled ex-service women who will seek admission to some home where medical or other care can be provided.

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5. Transportation to the designated home is furnished by the Government to all eligible applicants.
6. Application blanks may be obtained from the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Dayton, Ohio, where the Board of Managers should be addressed, or at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Augusta, Maine; Hampton, Virginia; Leavenworth, Kansas; Los Angeles, California; Marion, Indiana; Danville, Illinois; Johnson City, Tennessee; and Hot Springs, South Dakota.

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## How About a Post Clubhouse?

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two things to be especially kept in mind. First, a clubhouse—as far as possible—ought to look like a clubhouse, I'd almost say like a large and comfortable home, rather than like an armory or an institution. I've seen clubhouses that remind me of a church, of a county courthouse, or of an orphan asylum. The other point is that the design must be adapted to local traditions and to the immediate surroundings. What will look well in one place won't look well in another. New England, the South, the Middle West, the Pacific Coast—all have developed their particular styles of architecture. Legion posts will be wise if in this respect they patronize home industries. An imitation Greek temple would be decidedly out of place in a flock of California bungalows. Then again the building must be adjusted to its site. A clubhouse that would rate a hundred percent on a level street might look silly perched on the side of a hill, and vice versa."

"Now for some dope on costs," I suggested.

"The first factor governing the cost of construction is the material to be used—wood, tile, brick or stone," he explained. "In most parts of the country wood is the cheapest material, and in country towns where stone or brick structures are rare wood might just as well be used for the Legion building, too. As a general thing, though, I strongly believe that the best policy in the long run for any post that has ten thousand or more to spend is to invest in a permanent structure of hollow tile or brick or stone. Of course, in most cities the building codes require at least semi-fireproof construction.

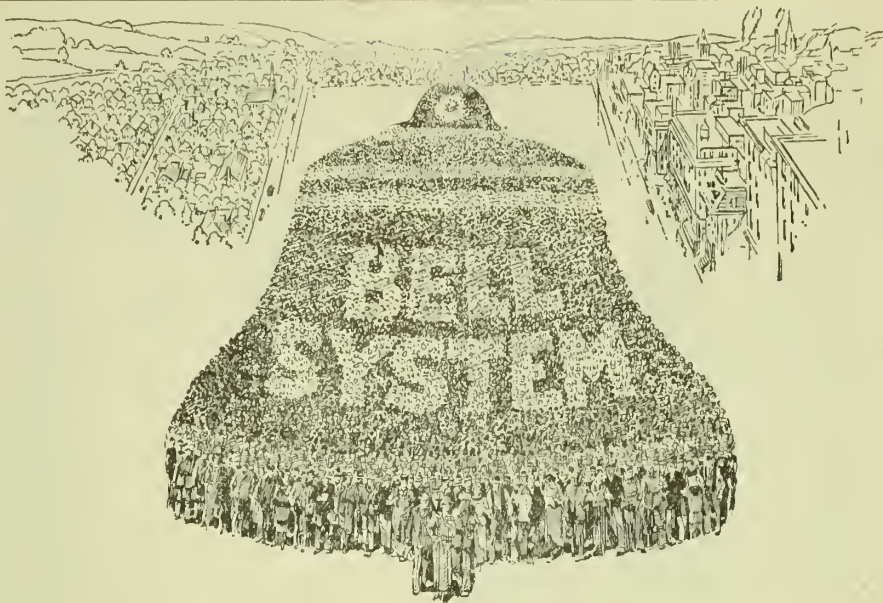
"It is impossible to give exact figures on costs, for the reason that prices vary so widely according to the quality of the material, market conditions throughout the nation, and local circumstances, such as the distance from source of supply. As a rough average, however, a building of a given design and quality will cost twenty or twenty-five percent more in brick or stone than in wood. Hollow tile with a stucco finish comes to about ten or fifteen percent more than wood. Hollow tile with a facing of brick figures out at approximately fifteen to twenty percent more than the price for the same structure in wood. In some regions the difference in cost will be even less than these percentages. It's my conviction that a Legion clubhouse, which is going to be used for at least fifty years to come, should be built to last and not merely thrown together to make an impressive showing."

"That sounds reasonable," I opined.

"Yes, and more than that, a substantial building pays best in the long run. When you figure the savings on insurance and on repairs and upkeep, brick or stone is actually cheapest in the end.

"The same principle holds true for roofing material. Cedar shingles are good for about twenty years; the various composition roofings, several of which are quite satisfactory, carry guarantees of varying lengths and of varying values, but a roof of copper, slate, tile or asbestos shingles will last as long as the building stands.

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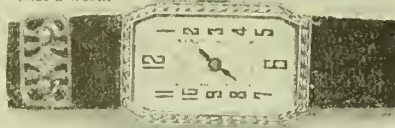
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an axiom among architects that it's easier to build up than down. If you want two floors in your building, it's cheaper to add on a second story than it is to dig out a deep cellar. On the other hand, a small building, especially one with a narrow base, doesn't look well if it climbs too high toward the sky. Consequently it is usual to plan a basement floor, half below and half above the ground."

"Look before you build; pick a cheap but convenient site; put up a building which will be a credit to the community and which will last—that's enough of generalities," I said. "Now give me some concrete data on what a post can get for its money."

"To start at the bottom of the scale, for five thousand dollars a post can get little more than a bungalow with one big room that will have to serve all purposes. For ten or fifteen thousand it can figure on a somewhat larger assembly hall, a more substantial building throughout, a few extra rooms either in front of the main hall or above it, and perhaps a sizeable cellar at least dug out, which can be converted later on into a gymnasium, or bowling alleys, or a swimming pool. Incidentally, in the largest as well as the smallest clubhouse it's wise to make provision for improvements or additions to be made later when money is available. For twenty to fifty thousand a post ought to get quite a respectable building—solid construction, a hall seating two to five hundred or more, a sizeable Legion club-room in addition, and extra rooms and equipment to meet various needs. A really splendid clubhouse will come to fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars. I'm talking about Legion buildings that do not include stores, offices or other rent-paying features, for every such proposition is a special problem by itself.

"Now in all these plans the assembly hall is the main thing. First of all, there must be sufficient exits for safety. If the auditorium is to be used for meetings, for dancing, and for athletics, it will have to have a good maple flooring. Of course the chairs should be arranged so they can be shoved to one side. You can save money and room by having a temporary platform for shows and the like, but if you go to the expense of a regular stage with dressing rooms at the sides these latter might well be made large enough so that they can also be used as committee rooms.

"For that matter, it is possible to have a sound-proof curtain so that the stage itself can be used as a separate room. With such an arrangement at the same time a basketball game is going on in the main hall the Auxiliary can be holding a sewing bee in the stage room. Incidentally, if the hall is to be used for basketball or other sports, the lighting fixtures and the windows will have to be protected by wire screening, or a net surrounding the court can be used.

"As to the smaller rooms, the social rooms for the Legionnaires come first in importance. There should be an attractive sitting room, with restful chairs and divans, a piano or a phonograph, pictures on the walls, curtains at the windows, tables, lamps, all the comforts of home, where the men can drop in to smoke, chin, or play cards. In one corner of this room there should be a pool table or two, or if funds permit there can be a separate billiard room. One room can serve many purposes.

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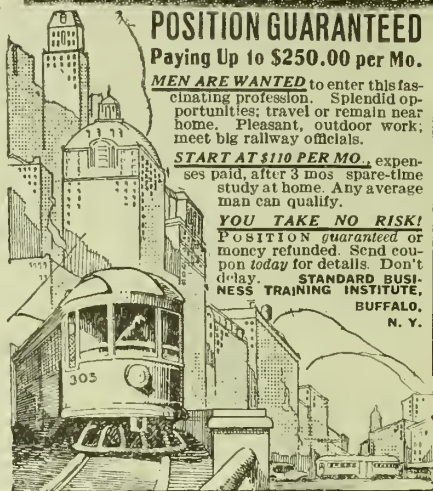
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That has to be done in a clubhouse of any kind, of course, and it is especially important in a Legion building that is to be more or less of a civic center, too. The next question on the docket concerns the necessary conveniences—heating, lighting, plumbing. A large building will require a regular furnace—steam or hot water or hot air—with all appurtenances. In a small clubhouse one or two of these so-called parlor furnaces or bungalow stoves will do the trick very nicely. They are cheaper to install, not so expensive to run, and respectable-looking enough to be kept right out in public. As for lighting, electricity is to be preferred in almost every locality. Of course the installation must be of the best quality, for it doesn't pay to take chances on a fire resulting from defective wiring. It's better to start off with too much rather than too little lighting, since it's easy to switch off lights not needed but expensive to install additional wiring after the building is once finished. As for plumbing, there must be at least two lavatories—for men and for women—and there should be shower baths, perhaps in the basement; anyhow, somewhere convenient to the gymnasium."

"That all sounds sensible enough," I said. "Now tell me what you can about handling bids and letting contracts and the ins and outs of keeping the cost down to the original estimate."

"On that point the fundamental principle is to know exactly what you want before you start and then to make no changes after the contracts are once let," he declared. "Additions and changes and extras of all kinds are the things that put red ink in the ledger. Before a shovelful of dirt is turned every last detail of the specifications should be definitely decided on. The specifications and the estimates have to include not only the walls, roofs, floors, windows and doors, but also every sort of fixture and every bit of equipment that it is intended to have in the completed building. The kind and the quality of materials have to be figured on down to the last door-knob. A proper amount, moreover, has to be set aside to pay for furnishings not part of the building itself—chairs, tables, rugs, athletic equipment, window shades and curtains.

"Now for the letting of contracts. When the building committee includes men who know the building game thoroughly and who are able to give considerable of their time to the clubhouse, money can sometimes be saved by awarding the contracts piecemeal—one for excavation and foundations, another for masonry, others for carpentry, heating, lighting, plumbing, painting and decorating. As a rule, however, it will be just as economical and a whole lot easier to lump the whole job in one contract, to get competitive bids, and then to let the contractor selected worry about the details."

"You're talking only about clubhouses built on a straight business basis," I suggested. "A lot of posts have had the benefit of donated material, cut prices, and voluntary labor. How about such propositions?"

"Well, naturally there's no sense paying for something you can get for nothing. If the members of a post have the knowledge and the time and the spirit to build their own clubhouse out of materials obtained free or as cheaply as possible, by all means they should go to it. That will be more easily pos-

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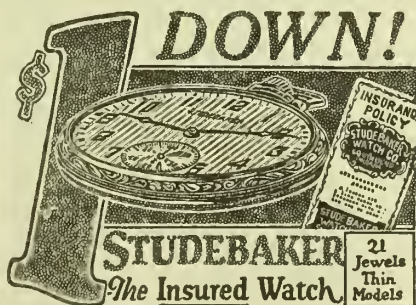
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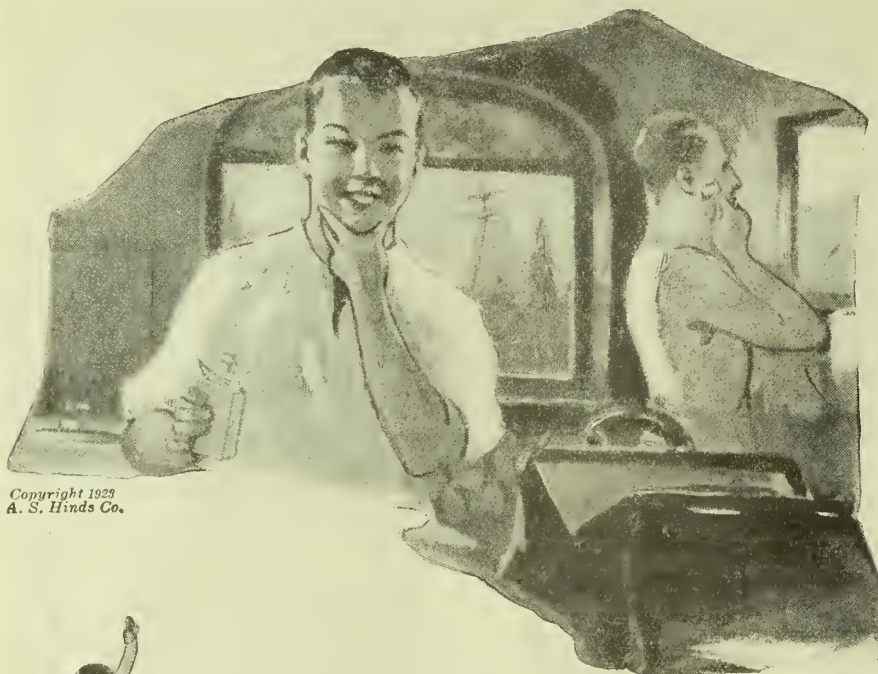
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*This is the second of two articles by Mr. Townsend on Legion clubhouses. The first appeared in the issue of November 30th.*

## From Start to Finish

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bunks that season. If it had not been for the hammocks in the training camp I would never have had the chance to get aboard a real thing in the way of a bed.

That word hammock ought to be explained. It seems to call up to the average non-nautical mind a sort of suspended couch in which to loll and read during languorous summer afternoons. The navy hammock is a different breed of cat. In the first place it is used strictly for sleeping purposes, and at night. In the morning it is rolled up and stowed away in a crate which, if I remember correctly, is called a netting for no reason that I can think of. It can hardly be said that a navy hammock is hung because it is pulled to such a tautness that it is perfectly horizontal and on a level with the rails to which it is fastened. Said rails are a good five and a half feet from the floor—pardon me, deck.

For the first week I was kept awake all night by the sound of bodies hitting the deck. They fell like nuts after the first frost. It was not very funny either. If you think falling from a hammock or from anything else through nearly six feet of space on to an unnecessarily rough barracks floor is any fun, just try it once.

So the nights were spent in and out of our hammocks and the days in drill and study. From the first it was a great shock to me to discover how much a sailor was supposed to know. When I enlisted I had the idea that if I could learn to swab a mean deck there would be nothing more to it, but at once I was thrust into a maelstrom of drills, manuals and maneuvers, few of which appeared to be at all closely related to ships. Infantry drill was bad enough, but my nautical complex writhed when I was forced to go out and drag a three-inch field piece around a meadow. Consider with me for a minute the field of ordnance. We began with the automatic pistol and progressed upward through rifles, machine guns, field pieces, one-pounders and rapid firers to regular he-cannon, six-inch at least. The only gun we missed was the fowling piece.

It was the same in all branches of military science. The theory seemed to be that a man can never know too much. I disagreed with that theory. Wig-wag was decidedly too much. By the time I was ready to take the examinations for a commission I felt that I had been taught everything to do with war except how to provision a fort.

My friend Al sounded the clarion cry of naval reserve officers one night. He had just come out of a theater, and was standing on the curb. A lady came out of the same theater and approached him.

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ninny. Don't you know where my motor is?"

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It was nearly as bad as that too. We were taught when to stand up and when to sit down and what to say to Mrs. Daniels in case we ever had to go to her place for tea. Navigation became an open book, at least Bowditch's *Navigation* did. True, we never had much chance to air our knowledge at sea. On the large ships professional navigators did the work and on the small vessels there was not much navigating done nor were there instruments to do it with. Ho, for the life of a sailor.

The information doled out to us had a nasty way of getting out of date before we could use it. Take the matter of rifles. We began with the Krag, obsolete since 1898. The Krags had one great failing—they would not shoot—so when there were enough Springfield fields to go around the poor old Krags were once more retired to oblivion to ponder over the glories of the Spanish-American War.

No sooner did we become thoroughly familiar with the Springfield than the Enfield hove in sight, and that was very nearly the finish of me.

Shortly after the Enfields came into their birthright, I was petty officer of the guard coincident with a bomb scare which caused the camp commander to go to the reckless length of ordering ammunition issued to the guard. Personally I would rather have taken a chance on the bombs, but the commander did not have to make the rounds of the posts in the dark and therefore missed my point of view. If the truth of the matter be known, and there is no reason why it should not be at this late date, I did not make the rounds very often myself. Still a terrible thing happened to me right in the comparative safety of the guard-house.

As everyone knows, or should know, the safety on the Enfield works just exactly opposite from the safety on the Springfield. Granted that a young man was handling an Enfield with his mind on the recently displaced Springfield, he might, I think you will agree, very easily take the safety off when he thought he was putting it on. That is what happened to me.

I was instructing a recruit of my relief in the gentle art of making his rifle safe for democracy with the main idea that he looked like a nervous type who might be a bad one to approach in the dead stillness of the night if a trembling trigger finger could discharge his gun. I took his rifle from him and threw the safety over as I had been accustomed to do on the Springfield.

"Now, you dumb-bell," I said, "the safety is on. You can pull the trigger and the gun will not fire. Look."

With that I pointed the gun toward the ceiling and pulled the trigger.

Wham! Up through the roof and on out towards where the blue begins went the bullet from my Enfield.

In any other organization than a military one I would have been fired at once and my career in the Navy would have ended right there, but, horrible as the mistake was, it was only a temporary setback. The real finish did not



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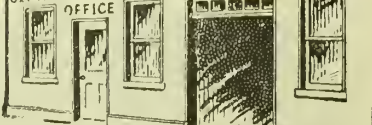
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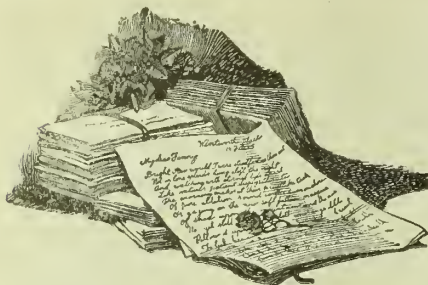
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Down the corridor toward me came a three-striper, and his gaze seemed riveted on my head. To my surprise he stopped me.

"Go out and buy yourself a new hat," he commanded.

"Oh, boy," I cried, "that is exactly what I intend to do, and I think it is going to be a brown felt, although I may fall for a gray fedora or a brown derby. One thing I do know, it won't be navy blue."

Wasn't that a grand and glorious feeling with which to wind up navy days?

## Can Crime Be Reduced?

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talk to any other man on that subject. I know that a young man who went into that army, to take the pot-luck of war, stopped more than once in tight pinches to think about God.

There was plenty of real religion in the army; every doughboy knows it. It was your own personal religion. It wasn't the "Y" religion, or the Salvation Army religion, or even church religion; it was a fellow's own personal religion. And many and many a fellow went by that, without ever getting down on his knees to pray, in that man's war.

One thing we need in the United States—and need badly—is more religion. We don't have it in our everyday life. Do you remember how religion was turned on American boys as soon as they got into the army? Every one knew the boys might soon face death. Parsons, priests and rabbis came hurrying from every part of the land to every camp.

Remember the Bibles they give out to 3,000,000 doughboys? Perhaps you lost yours; perhaps you brought it home as a souvenir. Every one asked you to read it. But let me tell you something, just to show you how muddled things can get now and then. There is another American army today that is not allowed to read the Bible. In the rooms of public schools where over 5,000,000 American children sit the greatest part of every week day, except Saturday, no one is allowed to open that book. Bible reading is barred in the public schools for one out of every three children. You'd think that it was a book for soldiers to die by, not a book for folks to live by. And yet every doughboy will tell you that living, not dying, is the big problem. How to die—that's fairly easy; how to live—that's something else, again.

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All really great men live by religion; perhaps that's what makes them great. But America—which includes the man on the street, you and me, our sisters and brothers and our associates—are not living by religion, as America used to live.

I have talked with judges who tell me they are amazed at the number of hard-boiled prisoners brought before them these days. They find boys and girls, youths and men who haven't any love for anybody; who don't even love their parents. They don't know anything about God or religion; in the last big pinch some of them wouldn't even know how to pray.

"Why, some of the young folks who come before me these days," said an elderly judge, "are almost like animals. They haven't any love or pity or shame in their makeups. They haven't any sense of responsibility toward God or man. Is it any wonder they are criminals?"

"What in hell are children taught at home these days?" asks an old desk sergeant at the Harrison Police Station in Chicago whenever youths are brought up before him. Characterless men and women; they are the ones who make up our lists of criminals. Here's what one "Rough Rider" who was once President of the United States said on this subject:

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We need to be better Catholics, better Jews, better Protestants, in America. And, when we don't belong to churches—and over half of us don't—we need to live by this simple religion: a belief in God and in the fact that He has got a hand in our affairs.

Men who see crime at first hand in the United States believe in religion. They don't talk about it in any wishy-washy sense; they see it as a very real thing; as medicine.

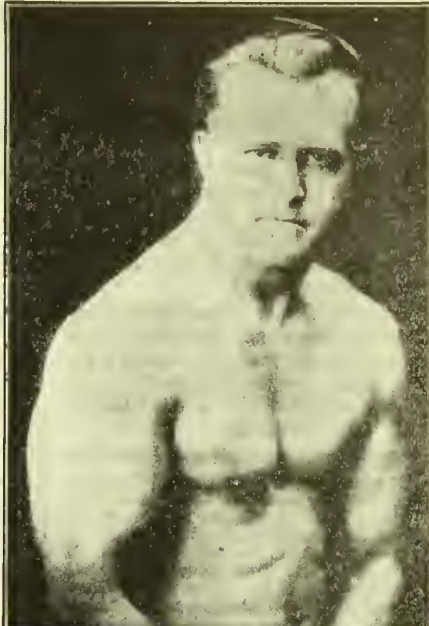
A great Jew criminologist in one of our largest cities, in talking with this writer recently about the growth of the "dope" habit, said, "No man can be cured of the 'dope' habit without spiritual help. What I mean is that he must pray to God for help and must believe that God will help him." He said this in his office at police headquarters.

There's almost as much talk in police stations these days about the lack of religion as there is in the churches.

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One school of doctors says, "Throw open the drug stores to dope. Let the druggists sell it freely to all comers. Bring the dope habit up out from the underground world and it will die in the light. It is because the use of dope has been made a secret vice that it has become a plague in America."

"For God's sake, don't make the sale of drugs free to all druggists," says the other school of doctors. "You'll put America in a stupor. Make it a crime to sell or to use drugs and then turn the policemen loose to wipe out the evil."

To show you how badly the doctors are tangled up, one school of doctors says: "If there were no drug peddlers, there would be no drug users." The other schools says, "If there were no drug users there would be no drug peddlers."

This argument reminds you of the question: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

Both methods, in restricted forms, have been used in New York.

Some years ago the city tried the experiment of selling dope to drug addicts at actual cost. This meant cutting the street peddler's price about 1,000 percent. Long cues of drug addicts stood in line, day after day, to get their daily rations of drugs. And among them were drug peddlers who were buying supplies to take out to the school districts and the residential sections where they would find children whom they could convert into quarter-a-day customers.

Before the experiment had been going many weeks the drug peddlers worked in the cues outside the dispensaries. Drug addicts had been given only the actual amount of drug they needed by the dispensary physicians; the peddlers were ready, outside, to sell them additional doses.

The drug peddler business was not killed; drug addiction began to grow and the experiment was stopped.

And then the other school of doctors took a hand.

Their idea was to clear the city of all drug addicts, so that the drug peddler would have no one to sell to. Up to now this idea has not succeeded. New York policemen, in plain clothes—members of the narcotic squad, scour the streets for drug addicts, arrest them—and the peddler, too, when they can reach him—and send them off to sanitariums to be cured. They come out from the sanitariums—and fall off the "dope" wagon almost immediately. The police have found drug peddlers waiting outside these sanitariums to meet the cured addicts, and "get them back on the stuff again."

"I can take you out on the street and pick up a drug addict for you in fifteen minutes," a narcotic man told me recently. "They've all got ear marks you can't miss. You'll see a fellow walking along slowly looking around in the crowds. Take one glimpse at his sick, pasty face and you can tell he's a drug addict. He's looking for his peddler. Suddenly you'll see him smile. He's made his 'connection'; he sees his man. That's the only time a dope fiend does smile. You'll see him amble up to a man and the money like lightning. But the dope fiend doesn't amble any more, now. He hurries off like a shot. He looked like an ambling loafer a minute ago;

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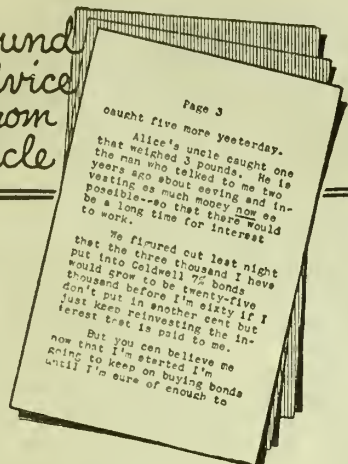
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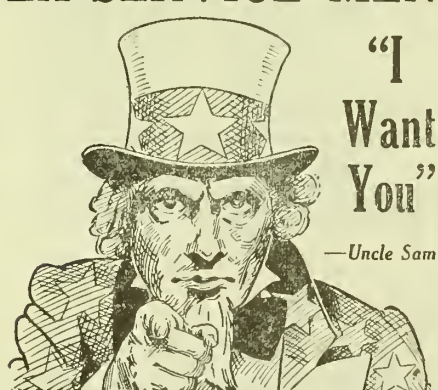
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As I have said, there is hardly a foreign ship entering American ports that does not bring smuggled drugs to us. It is only with the help of foreign governments, in trailing down and watching and regulating foreign buyers of American drugs that the smuggling to America can be stopped.

International police, who have recently formed a world-association, will, perhaps, be able to regulate drug smuggling, by controlling dope at its source and all along its route.

The revolver, as a tool of crime, will some day be kept in safe hands.

This writer lives in a city where citizens are not allowed to have revolvers, except with special permission of the police. If a revolver were found in his apartment he might face the penitentiary. There are 6,000,000 people in this city. About 3,000 persons have permits to carry revolvers. Yet there are about 700 shootings a year in this city of New York—almost two a day. And these shootings are not done by the citizens who have police permits to carry revolvers, nor are they done by the law-abiding 6,000,000 more or less, who live without the aid of revolvers.

The criminals in the city of New York have revolvers without stint. The crook is armed and the citizen is unarmed.

The same situation exists in all American cities where the police have the right to make arrests for carrying concealed weapons.

Carrying a revolver, without a permit, will some day be made a Federal crime; selling a revolver, without a permit to do so, will also be a Federal offense.

But there is even a better way than this of controlling the use of firearms; that is, in marking the revolver ammunition as it is turned out at the factory. A law making this provision is now hanging fire in Washington. Many a murder has been solved by tracing a revolver from the factory into the hands of the man who used it last. Revolver cartridges can be so marked, in job lots, that the criminal who leaves one on the premises of the crime can be trailed more definitely than if he had left his hat or his overcoat. Often he will leave a cartridge shell when he leaves nothing else.

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purposes; but the Government ought to keep its eye on it, from the time it is manufactured until the time it is legally—or illegally—used. The manufacture of revolvers cannot be stopped; but every revolver itself, and every cartridge, can be so marked and recorded that the authorities cannot lose track of them even until the time they are legally—or illegally—used. Federal laws, not state laws or city ordinances, are necessary for this purpose.

How to keep the automobile out of the hands of criminals is another question that can be solved. Out in the West, in the old days, horse-stealing was the crime of all crimes. A murderer who stole a horse to escape was more likely to be hung for horse-stealing, if he were caught, than for murder.

One law that has been suggested in Washington would provide that automobile manufacturers must put a control lock on automobiles that would prevent all passenger cars from going faster than twenty miles an hour. The result of this law, of course, would be that every law-abiding citizen would have a twenty-mile-an-hour car while criminals, breaking the control locks, would have fifty-mile-an-hour cars.

It is the carelessness of automobile owners that makes the theft of automobiles possible.

An automobile owner who does not securely lock his car jeopardizes other citizens; he might as well lend his revolver to a highwayman for an evening's job. Almost one third of the cars stolen in the United States are sooner or later recovered and returned to their owners. Criminals steal cars for use, not for booty. Many automobile owners do not worry greatly about the possible theft of their cars; theft, sometimes, may mean a brand new, shiny car, bought with insurance money. But the matter of keeping an automobile securely locked is not a question of personal interest alone; it often may be a question of keeping one of the most necessary tools of present-day crime out of the hands of some maniacal, dope-soaked criminal.

The Federal law, some day, will say to a citizen whose car has been stolen and used in a criminal act:

"Why didn't you keep your car locked?"

To sum it all up, if we would control crime in the United States, we must control the use of drugs, firearms and the automobile.

If we would prevent crime—and that is far more effective than its control—we must give our young folks an aim in life, through their education, and an object for living, which is a belief in God and their accountability, not to a policeman or a juvenile court judge, but to Him.

Every kid in America has got a right to be taught about God; he's got a right to be taught his "Now I Lay Me." When he isn't taught these things he's cheated. He may wind up with a smoking gun in his hand, some day, with members of society, like you and me, cuffing him around in the dust of the pavement, even before the man he has shot stops twitching. He'll be to blame, of course, for the shooting. But America, also, will be to blame for not having given him, in the first place, a decent equipment for life and a decent outlook on it.

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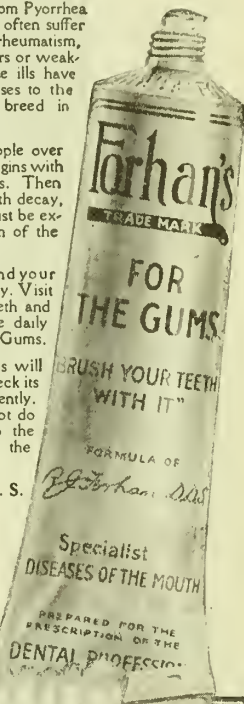
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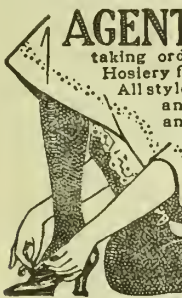


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## Some of the Amazing Results

The proof-guarantee is made possible only through wonderful results that have already been achieved—as these few excerpts from letters testify. The letters are on file at the Merke Institute and anyone may see them by coming to the office.

"I have been bothered with dandruff for 20 years and had lost nearly all of my hair. I have used your treatment 30 days now and have a good growth of hair coming in.

"Am glad to say I can see such great change in my hair. It is growing longer and my head is full of young hair that has made its way through since I have been using Merke Treatment."

"I must frankly state I was skeptical as to your claim, but a faithful use of Merke Treatment



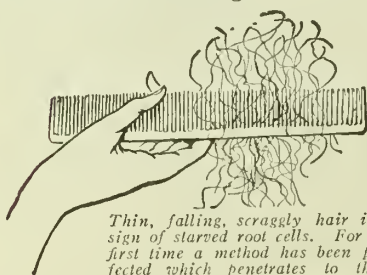
for a month has removed all doubt and three of us are obtaining unbelievable results both in looks and growth."

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## No Competition

Mr. Boreleigh: "May I have the pleasure of the next dance with you?"  
Miss Cutting: "Yes, all of it."

## A Little Advice

Mrs.: "My friends used to tell me that I could sing like an angel."  
Mr.: "In that case, dear, why don't you wait till you get to heaven?"

## The Heartbroken Skeptic

Herr Schmidt, transplanted to this country some score of years ago, had still his ancient affection for the vaterland and his heart was torn by its sufferings.  
"Father," said his son, when the elder's complaints against America had become almost unbearable, "why don't you go back to Germany for a visit?"  
"It would break my heart."  
"But it breaks your heart to read about it in the newspapers."  
"Ach, but I wouldn't believe a word I see by der newspapers."

## Self Service

"Rastus," snorted old Colonel Tantrum angrily, "I told you to get me a tame turkey. Now you've brought a wild one. I just found some shot in it."  
"Nossuh, nossuh," remonstrated the faithful servitor.  
"Dat's a tame tukkey, all right. Dem shots was meant fer me, suh."

## Wuff!

Two manufacturers of home-cooked moonshine liquor were indulging in a bragfest concerning the relative excellence of their products.  
"I make mine so strong," said one, "that the man who drinks it can smell the hayseed in the hair of the guy who plowed the corn."

"Hmpf!" was the contemptuous comeback of the other. "I recently spilled a little of mine on a garden where my wife had planted some modest violets. And when those seeds grew up they were tiger lilies!"

## Comedy of Love

Rush.  
Crush.  
Gush.  
Hush! You'll wake the baby.

## The Supreme Insult

Mose: "What's de name of yer mule?"  
Rufus: "Mule."  
"Jes' plain 'Mule'? How come?"  
"Dat's de ornries' insult Ah could think to give him."

## As Usual

Solicitous Mother: "You'll write to me, won't you?"  
Bobby (off to school): "Bet I shall, mother, just as soon as I get in trouble."

## Explained

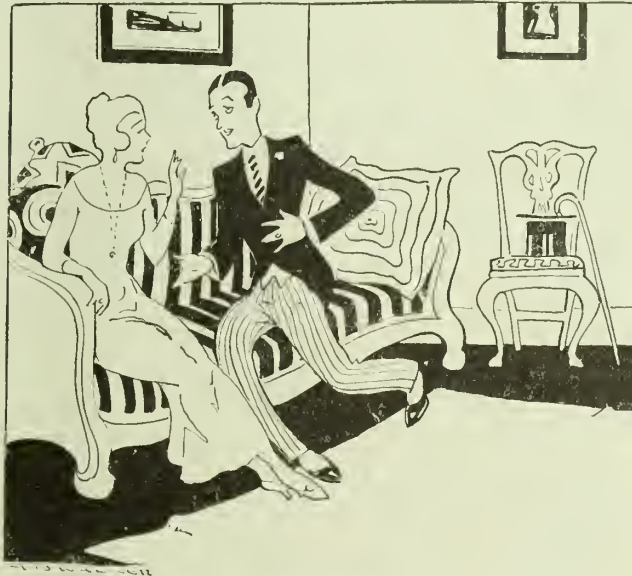
Cohen: "My clothing store! My clothing store!"  
Friend: "What happened to your clothing store—burn down?"  
Cohen: "No, I sat on a nail. My clothing's tore! My clothing's tore!"

## Described to a T

"Can you give me a good description of your absconding cashier?" suavely asked the detective.  
"We-ell," answered the hotel proprietor, "I believe he's about five feet five inches tall and about seven thousand dollars short."

## No Hurry

"How long will it take before I can get a shave?" asked the callow youth, rushing into the barber shop.  
"Well," said the boss, regarding his face carefully, "you may be able to start in a year or so."



## BY PROXY

"No, Reggie, you can't kiss me."  
"Then please let me kiss your lip-stick."

## Just the Week-End

"I'm going to visit a friend of mine in the country."  
"How long are you going to stay?"  
"Oh, not long. About three cooks."

## For the Forgetful

"What's that string tied around your finger for?"  
"That's to remind me to look in my pocket for a memorandum to put a note on my desk to call up my wife and ask her if she's forgotten this is our anniversary date."

## Cause for Thanksgiving

Jackie and Jimmie, two small boys, had been bribed by a fond grandmother with a promise of two helpings of mince pie and any other Thanksgiving delicacies they might wish if they would go to church with her on Thanksgiving Day.

After the service, Jackie was introduced to the minister and said politely:  
"Mr. Longuewinde, I sure am thankful to you for that sermon."  
"And how is that, my boy?" asked the gratified pastor, while grandma beamed.  
"Cause Jimmie bet me your sermon wouldn't last more'n three-quarters of an hour, an' you let it last forty-eight minutes. So I won his knife an' I'm awful grateful."

## No Novelty There

"You say Smith lacks tact?"  
"Yes. He invited Brown, the letter carrier, to join his Sunday walking club."

## Only Local

Father O'Neil: "Mrs. Clancy, I have very, very bad news for you. Your poor uncle has been struck by lightning."  
Mrs. Clancy: "Th' saints preserve us! I hope it didn't strike him in a vital place."

## More Monotonous

Crawford: "So you're back from your Western trip already. Did you tire of the endless expanse of scenery?"  
Johnson: "No, but I tired of the endless expense of the hotels."

## The Hour of Peace

A newly-arrived guest at one of those resorts called "Paradise Inn" was attempting to write a letter, but great swarms of flies followed him about until he lost patience and sought the landlord.

"Hang it all, man," he exploded. "Here I've been trying all morning to dodge these flies. I've tried it in your parlor, your front veranda, up in my room and out under the trees. Where the Sam Hill can I go to shake off these pests?"

"Oh, I forgot to tell you," replied the unperturbed innkeeper. "You just sit down anywhere and be patient for a spell. The minute the dinner bell rings the flies will all make a break for the dining room."

## At It Again

Mr.: "If you hadn't been so long dressing we wouldn't have missed the train."  
Mrs.: "And if you hadn't hurried me so we wouldn't have had so long to wait for the next one."

## All on One Side

"Rufus, aren't you feeling well?"  
"Nossuh, Ah suah ain't."  
"Have you consulted your doctor?"  
"Nossuh, an' Ah ain't gwine to."

"What's the trouble? Aren't you willing to trust him?"  
"Oh, yassuh, but de trouble is dat he ain't altogether willin' to trust me."

## The Field

Girls who are large, girls who are small;  
Girls who are short, girls who are tall;  
Girls who are fat, girls who are lean;  
Girls who would classify just in between;  
Girls who are light, girls who are dark;  
Girls who are slow, girls out for a lark;  
Girls who are young, or not young at all,  
These are the girls for whom the men fall.

Men who are timid, men who are brave;  
Men who are spenders, men who can save;  
Men who are merry, men who are sad;  
Men who are good and men who are bad;  
Men who are speedy, men who are slow;  
Men who have pep and men without go;  
Men who are brainy, and men without sense,  
When the girls marry, these are the gents.

—Edgar Daniel Kramer

## Devotion

Rastus: "Does yo-all love yo' wife?"  
Finney: "Boy, Ah jus' analyzes her!"

## A Super-Tremor

"Lawsey me, chile, lawsey me!" exhaled Cole Tarr. "Mus' of been some uthquake! Los Angeles done admit dey was one!"



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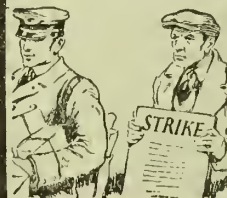
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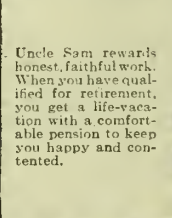


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